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### STANDARD CERTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED BUENA VISTA CHANNEL RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT (Corps' Project No. 2002-00727-JLB), BUENA VISTA CHANNEL, A TRIBUTARY TO SAWPIT WASH, CITY OF IRWINDALE, LOS ANGELES COUNTY (File No. 02-045)

Dear Mr. Noyes:

Regional Board staff has reviewed your request for a Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the above-referenced project. Your application was deemed complete on March 26, 2002.

I hereby certify that any discharge from the Buena Vista Channel Reconstruction Project, as proposed and described in Attachment A, if performed in accordance with all applicable water quality objectives, prohibitions, and policies set forth in the *Water Quality Control Plan, Los Angeles Region* (1994), and in accordance with the conditions specified in Attachment B, will comply with the applicable water quality standards and other appropriate requirements, including the provisions of Sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 of the Clean Water Act.

The Applicant shall be liable civilly for any violations of this certification in accordance with the California Water Code. This certification does not eliminate the Applicant's responsibility to comply with any other applicable laws, requirements and/or permits.

Should you have questions concerning this certification action, please contact Jason Lambert, Section 401 Program, at (213) 576-5733.

[Original Signed By:]

[May 22, 2002]

Dennis A. Dickerson  
Executive Officer

Date

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## ATTACHMENT A

### Project Information File No. 02-045

1. Applicant: Los Angeles County Department of Public Works  
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Phone: (626) 458-3915 Fax: (626) 458-3179
3. Project Name: Buena Vista Channel Reconstruction
4. Project Location: City of Irwindale, Los Angeles County  
Township: T1S, Range: R11W;  
Latitude: 34° 07' 03", Longitude: 117° 59' 33"
5. Type of Project: Concrete channel reconstruction
6. Project Description: *Purpose:* The purpose of the proposed project is to provide flood relief to the properties adjacent to Buena Vista Settling Basin and along Buena Vista Street.  
  
*Description:* The proposed project consists of constructing a 940-foot-long double 10-foot-wide by 8-foot-high reinforced concrete box along Tifal Avenue connecting Upper Buena Vista Channel to Lower Buena Vista Channel, causing peak stormwater flows to bypass Buena Vista Settling Basin. The project would also include reconstruction of 4,800 linear feet of the existing Lower Buena Vista Channel from a trapezoidal to a rectangular channel.
7. Federal Agency/Permit: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
NWP Nos. 3 & 33 (Permit No. 2002-00727-JLB)
8. Other Required Regulatory Approvals: California Department of Fish and Game  
Streambed Alteration Agreement (Notification No. 5-334-00)

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| 9. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Compliance:           | The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles approved the project's Mitigated Negative Declaration (SCH No. 2001121097) on March 12, 2002.  |
| 10. Receiving Water:   | Buena Vista Channel, a tributary to Sawpit Wash (Hydrologic Unit No. 405.41)   |
| 11. Designated Beneficial Uses:                                      | GWR, REC-1, REC-2, WARM, and WILD  |
| 12. Impacted Waters of the United States:                            | Non-wetland waters (concrete lined channel): 2.31 permanent and 2.50 temporary acres   |
| 13. Dredge Volume:   | None   |
| 14. Related Projects Implemented/to be Implemented by the Applicant: | The Applicant has not identified any related projects carried out in the last 5 years or planned for implementation in the next 5 years.   |
| 15. Avoidance/Minimization Activities:                               | <p>The Applicant has proposed to implement several Best Management Practices, including, but not limited to, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The contractor will be required to follow the standard specifications of the County of Los Angeles of Public Works pertaining to protection of water quality during site maintenance and construction activities, and</li><li>• Construction will be performed during the dry season when no flow exists in the channel. If any flow is present at the project location, water shall be diverted around the construction zone.</li></ul> |
| 16. Proposed Compensatory Mitigation:                                | The Applicant has not proposed any compensatory mitigation to offset the proposed permanent and temporary impacts, as water quality objectives will not be affected by the project activities.   |

## **ATTACHMENT B**

### **Conditions of Certification File No. 02-045**

#### **STANDARD CONDITIONS**

Pursuant to §3860 of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations (23 CCR), the following three standard conditions shall apply to this project:

1. This certification action is subject to modification or revocation upon administrative or judicial review, including review and amendment pursuant to §13330 of the California Water Code and Article 6 (commencing with 23 CCR §3867).
2. This certification action is not intended and shall not be construed to apply to any activity involving a hydroelectric facility and requiring a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license or an amendment to a FERC license unless the pertinent certification application was filed pursuant to 23 CCR Subsection 3855(b) and the application specifically identified that a FERC license or amendment to a FERC license for a hydroelectric facility was being sought.
3. Certification is conditioned upon total payment of any fee required pursuant to 23 CCR Chapter 28 and owed by the Applicant.